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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Cattle receipts at 12 markets were smallest for a non-holiday week since April. Slaughter steers sold 25-75¢ higher, with slaughter heifers steady to 50¢ higher. Weight continues to be a major price determining factor. Cows sold uneven steady to 50¢ higher to 50¢ lower, with stockers and feeders steady to 50¢ higher. Barrows and gilts 25-50¢, instances 75¢ up, sows 50-75¢ higher. Spring slaughter lambs steady to $1.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Moderate supplies and a 50¢-$1.00 higher trend in the carcass trade at major markets prompted the third consecutive week of higher steer and heifer prices. Slaughter steers sold mostly 25-75¢ higher. Heifers were steady to 50¢ higher. Cows were steady to 50¢ higher except at St. Paul and St. Joseph which were 50¢ lower. Bulls were steady to 50¢ lower and both St. Paul and St. Louis quoted vealers and slaughter calves steady. Stockers and feeders steady to 50¢ higher. Weight continued to be an important price determining factor on steers. Heavyweight steers grading Prime often sold at the same price level as light weight Good grade steers. This caused all steers to sell within a narrow price spread with Good to average-Choice slaughter steers and heifers predominating the supplies.

Most Choice 900-1250# steers $21.75-23.25 with several loads Choice and Prime 1250-1400# $22.50-23.25. At Chicago, a load of Prime 1320# steers $24.25 and two loads Prime 1250-1280# $24.00. Mixed Choice and Prime steers weighing up to 1500# sold down to $21.25 and at St. Paul, a load of Choice 1672# $20.50. Good steers $20.50-22.00. Several loads mixed Choice and Prime heifers $23.00-23.25; six loads average Choice to low-Prime 875-950# at Kansas City $23.00-23.50. Bulk Good and Choice heifers $20.00-23.00. Utility and Commercial cows $14.50-16.50; Canners and Cutters $13.00-15.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Above normal seasonal pasture conditions, except in the drought affected areas of Montana and the Dakotas tended to reduce stocker and feeder receipts at most midwest markets. At Sioux City receipts included a sizable number of cattle of North Dakota and Canadian origin. Over-all quality continued at a relatively low level but trading was fairly active at steady to 50¢ higher prices. Feedlot operators showed increased interest in fleshy cattle suitable for an additional short turn in feed lot but more aggressive competition from slaughter buyers on fleshy two-way steers resulted in only limited numbers of such kinds being routed into feeder channels. Feeder buyer demand centered largely on 750-850# steers with a moderate outlet for weights up to 950# as most buyers were reluctant to purchase steers weighing 1000# or more.

Two loads Choice 822-834# feeder steers brought $23.25-23.35; majority Good and Choice 800-1000# $21.00-23.00, load 1078# $21.50; Medium and low-Good $18.50-21.50. Good and Choice 550-750# stock steers $22.00-25.50, one load Choice 575# $25.75; Medium and low-Good $19.00-22.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought $19.15-23.00. At Omaha Choice fleshy 787# heifers brought $22.00, while at Kansas City Choice 805# sold at $20.85. Good and Choice steer calves ranged from $23.50-29.50, most sales $28.00 down. Good and Choice heifer calves brought $21.00-26.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts at 12 markets decreased 2 percent from the previous week and the week's total at 245,000 was the smallest for any week since July 1955, except for holiday-shortened weeks. Haying and harvesting operations were in full swing over a large part of the midwest and this was an important factor curtailing hog marketings. At some markets there was a seasonal increase of barrows and gilts under 200# while butchers above 250# were scarce at several centers. This was reflected in the average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets, which dropped to 222# or 3# below the previous week and compared with 226# the corresponding week last year. There was a shift in both the consist and weight of sows at several centers. St. Joseph reported the largest percentage of sows since August, 1957 at 16 percent, but St. Paul had a cutback to 28 percent from 34 percent a week ago. Sows weighing over 400# were scarce, giving impetus for sharply higher prices. Barrows and gilts 200# up closed 25-50¢ higher, instances 75¢ up with lighter-weight hogs very uneven, selling steady to $1.00 higher. Sows sold 50-75¢ higher with buyers more receptive to weights above 400#.

Omaha recorded a $19.50 top, while several of the markets reached $19.25-19.35. Several markets reported their best prices in a year. On Friday, U. S. No. 1-2, 190-240# barrows and gilts brought $18.75-19.00. Most U. S. 1-3, 190-250# $18.25-18.75, a rather narrow spread on those weights and grades being the vogue. Sows 270-600# at $13.25-16.75, top $17.75.

Feeder pigs advanced 50¢ at St. Paul and gained 50-75¢ at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs at Sioux City brought $16.00-16.50 with Choice at $17.00. At St. Paul, Good and Choice 130-160# cleared at $17.00-17.50.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled around 254,000 head, about the same volume as a week earlier and a year ago. Demand was generally

good and receipts at times were below trade requirements despite one major plant being out of the market on most days. Out-of-State shipping orders were also broad, especially for hogs to be shipped south and west. Prices reached their highest levels of the season with barrows and gilts 25-65¢, mostly 40-60¢ higher, while sows were mainly 25-50¢ higher. On Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-3 and No. 2-3 200-240# barrows and gilts sold from $17.35-18.00 with a small volume No. 1 and 2 grade selections $18.00-18.25. No. 1-3, 270-400# sows brought $14.00-16.00; 400-550#, $12.25-14.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Supplies of sheep and lambs at the twelve markets totaled 66,000 head, compared with 68,000 last week and 71,000 a year ago. Frequent rains in the midwest tended to curb marketings. Prices were uneven, with spring slaughter lambs selling steady to 50¢ lower with some sales $1.00 lower at Fort Worth and Chicago, however steady to slightly higher prices were revealed at Sioux City, Omaha, and Sioux Falls. Shorn slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 50¢ lower, although Sioux City was strong to 25¢ higher. Most feeder lambs sold mostly steady.

Choice and Prime 80-111# spring slaughter lambs sold at $17.00-18.50, mostly $18.00 down. At Denver, Choice and Prime lambs 89-111# bulked at $18.00-18.50 with a few loads and lots $18.50-18.90. Good to mostly Choice lambs brought $15.50-17.50; Good with a few Choice $14.00-16.00; Utility and Good $11.00-15.50, mostly $13.00-14.50. Good and Choice 95-114# shorn old-crop slaughter lambs and yearlings with No. 3 to fall shorn pelts $11.00-15.25. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes $1.50-5.50, bulk $2.50-4.00.

Choice to Fancy 50-75# spring feeder lambs $14.00-15.00; Good and Choice 56-88# $10.00-14.50, mostly $12.50 up. A few yearling to two-year-old breeding ewes sold at $8.00-10.00, solid-mouth ewes $5.00-7.00. At Sioux City Good yearling to 3-year-old breeding ewes sold at $13.50-15.50 per head.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area sheep and lamb receipts numbered 9,700 compared to 12,800 the previous week and 13,900 a year ago. Several rains during the week tended to curtail the receipts, however, demand was only fair on dressed lamb and on Friday spring slaughter lambs closed mostly steady to 50¢ higher for the week while other classes were largely steady.

On Friday, Choice and a few Prime spring slaughter lambs 80-105# delivered to packing plants brought $16.50-17.50; a few high-yielding lambs reached $18.00 in one area; Good and Choice 80-110# $14.50-16.50, Utility and Good $12.50-14.50. Cull to Good shorn slaughter ewes $1.50-3.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers rather slow, fully steady but some steers over 1100# 50¢ higher; stockers and feeders fairly active, fully steady; slaughter spring lambs fairly active, steady to $1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: In California, 108 loads mostly Choice 900-1100# $24.00-25.25; in Arizona and California, 110 loads Good and Choice 900-1150# $22.75-23.75, 29 loads mostly Choice 1150-1275# $22.75-24.00, 39 loads mostly Good 900-1100# $22.00-22.75, 24 loads mostly Standard 850-1150# $20.00-21.75.

Slaughter heifers: In Arizona and California, 11 loads mostly Choice 825-850# $23.50-24.00, 55 loads Good and Choice 775-1000# $22.50-23.50, 3 loads Good 750-800# $22.00-22.75.

Stockers and feeders: In Arizona and California, 2,100 head Choice with Fancy end 575-880# steers $22.00-23.25; 500 head Choice 550-600# mixed yearlings, steers $22.00, heifers $20.00; 225 head Good and Choice 650-700# heifers $20.00-21.50; 8,500 head Choice and Fancy 350-575# with steers $24.00-26.00, heifers $22.00-24.00 including 5,200 head for October 15-November 10 delivery.

Slaughter spring lambs: California - 7 loads Choice and Prime 90-100# $17.25-17.75, with 2 loads Choice and Prime 90-95# shorn with No. 1 and 2 pelts $16.50, these on delivered basis; 5 loads Choice and Prime 95-100# $16.50-17.00, 16 loads Choice and Prime, with fall shorn to No. 3 pelts $15.50-16.25. 6,700 head average 90# with 50-50 Choice and Prime slaughter and Choice and Fancy feeder $15.00 straight across.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Increased activity at Colorado feedlots featured an improved slaughter heifer demand which developed late in the week with closing sales steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter steers sold unevenly steady to 50¢ higher, weights over 1250# sharing the full upturn. In Colorado, 137 loads Choice 1150-1355# with numerous loads over 1200# slaughter steers $21.55-23.10; 30 loads 1000-1100# $23.50-23.75; 8 loads Good and Choice 1040-1200# $21.60-22.25; 2 loads Good Holsteins $19.50. Around 119 loads Choice 825-975# slaughter heifers $22.75-23.75, some 1050-1100# $22.50; 1 load Choice mixed yearlings around 1000# $22.40. Wyoming: 8 loads Choice 1200-1350# slaughter steers $22.60-22.75 to Nebraska; 1 load 1225# $22.75 to Utah; 2 loads 1300# $21.75 to California. Two loads Choice 975-1100# slaughter heifers $22.25-23.00. Nebraska: 6 loads Choice 1225# slaughter steers $22.50. Four loads Choice 950# slaughter heifers $22.50.

An increased volume of feeder cattle sold at steady prices, bulk for immediate delivery. Colorado: 300 Choice heifers 650# and 200 Choice steers around 725# at $21.50, September 1-15 delivery. Wyoming: 735 Choice heifers

550-650# $21.50-22.25. 1,000 Good and Choice two-year-old steers $20.25-21.75, those at $20.25 largely Good. Around 1,500 Choice calves, steers $27.00, heifers $25.00, fall delivery. 450 Good and Choice mixed calves, steers $25.50-26.00, heifers $23.50-24.00. Nebraska: 250 Choice yearling steers $23.00.

Two loads Choice shorn spring lambs 80-90#, No. 2 pelts, $15.50-16.00, delivered Denver. Three loads Choice old crop shorn 100-102#, No. 1 pelts, $14.00-14.25. 1,500 Choice and Prime range Colorado spring lambs $20.00, September delivery, 55 percent yield guaranteed.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Trading on slaughter steers and heifers was fairly active, with fully steady prices. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves fairly active selling mostly steady.

Slaughter steers: 300 mostly Good 1050-1075# $22.00, 300 Good and Choice 950-1000# $23.25 delivered Southwest Texas; 420 Good 900-1070# $21.00; 60 Standard and Good 839# $20.50.

Slaughter heifers: Load Good and Choice 950# $23.00.

Stockers and feeders: 500 Good 600-650# $20.00-20.50; 350 Medium steers 700# $18.50, heifers 650# $17.00; 400 Choice 650# heifers $21.50, all these for fall delivery.

Stock calves: 1,050 Good and Choice 500#, steers $24.00, heifers $22.00, up to mid-August delivery.

Lambs: Trading was moderately active, mostly steady. Around 2,000 Good and Choice 80-85# slaughter lambs $13.50-14.00. 4,000 Choice 75-80# feeder lambs $12.00. 6,000 Good to mostly Choice 65-80# feeders $10.00-11.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers sold steady to 50¢ higher, heifers fully steady. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were steady.

Slaughter steers: 150 Good and Choice 1025-1300# $21.75-22.40; 250 Good 980-1000# $21.00.

Slaughter heifers: 275 Good and Choice 875-950# $21.25-22.00; few Standard $20.00.

Stockers and feeders: 115 Choice 850-900# feeder steers $21.50, fall delivery; 100 Good and Choice 575-600# heifers $21.50; August-September delivery 350 Good and Choice 650-675# heifers $21.00-21.50.

Stock calves: In Oklahoma, 150 Choice steer calves $27.00. Over the area 675 Good and Choice mixed calves, steers 325-465# $25.00-26.00, heifers $22.00-24.00; 450-475# steers $24.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Direct trade slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, fully steady to 25¢ higher; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady to strong; spring slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 950-1100# $23.50-23.75 with 1075-1250# weights $23.00-23.25. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1025-1150# $22.50-23.75, latter price paid by West Coast packers, with 1150-1275# weights $21.75-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 800-925# $21.25-22.00, with 1050# weights $21.00. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 800-925# $21.75-22.50, latter price paid by West Coast interests.

Stockers and feeders: Washington and Oregon - Good and Choice 600-850# steers $21.00-22.00, heifers $19.50-20.75, current to September 15 delivery. Good and Choice 350-425# mixed calves $25.00 straight, through December delivery.

Spring slaughter lambs: Washington and Oregon - Choice and Prime 90-105# $15.50-16.25 delivered area packers, $17.50-18.50 delivered California. Idaho - Choice and Prime and mostly Choice 99-105# $16.00-16.60 f.o.b.; Good to mostly Choice 97-106# $15.50-15.75.

Spring feeder lambs: Oregon - Mostly Choice 85# $10.50-12.50.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Direct trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves active. All classes steady early, later weaker.

Stocker and feeder: Montana - 2,650 Good and Choice including a few Fancy mixed yearlings, steers 600-725# $22.00-23.50, mostly $23.00-23.50, heifers 500-700# $20.00-22.50, mostly $21.00-22.50, immediate to fall delivery. 1,600 Choice 900-950# two-year-old steers $20.50, mid-August-September delivery. 1,000 high-Medium to mostly Good stock cows with calves at side $175.00-210.00 per pair. Northern Wyoming: 125-150 Good and Choice 575-600# heifers $21.00.

Stock calves: Northern and western Montana, 9,700 Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 300-350# mixed calves, steers $23.75-26.00, heifers $23.50-24.00 with Good and Choice 350-400# weights, steers $24.50-25.50, heifers $22.50-23.50, all calves for October-November delivery.

Sheep: Considerable inquiry, but very few completed sales at steady to weak prices. No future contracts confirmed. Montana - 1,000 Choice 90# slaughter spring lambs $15.00. 2,000 Choice 70# feeder spring lambs $13.00. Northern Wyoming, around 2,800 Choice mixed slaughter and feeder lambs $14.00-14.25.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960
Chicago	34,456	38,191	130	329	23,718	26,403	3,202	4,618
Cincinnati	3,085	3,635	634	640	9,435	9,991	1,533	1,754
Denver	9,212	9,390	50	182	4,555	4,587	15,150	14,833
Fort Worth	8,332	11,230	1,149	2,187	1,653	2,381	6,745	6,307
Indianapolis ..	6,960	6,798	844	913	23,825	34,034	2,755	2,309
Kansas City ...	15,385	18,280	695	1,646	16,249	15,472	2,690	6,682
Oklahoma City .	9,443	13,015	831	1,462	3,183	3,243	1,654	1,003
Omaha	32,499	37,819	285	398	34,687	32,061	9,977	8,302
St. Joseph	14,313	14,250	367	389	20,234	23,653	5,176	7,047
St. Louis NSY .	14,008	16,091	1,630	2,701	41,402	56,761	4,015	4,737
Sioux City	23,838	24,014	520	627	25,417	25,013	6,556	6,737
S. St. Paul ...	18,859	19,410	3,260	3,554	40,488	40,757	6,902	6,234
Total	190,390	212,123	10,395	15,028	244,846	274,356	66,355	70,563
"July 22,1961	200,289		10,916		249,560		67,979	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	July 29, 1961	July 22, 1961	July 30, 1960
Hogs	254,000	256,000	251,000*
Sheep	9,700	12,800	13,900*

*Revised.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Six months	
	July 27 1961	July 20 1961	July 28 1960	June 1961	June 1960	Jan. - June 1961	Jan. - June 1960
Steers - 1001# up	143	151	118	1,378	2,624	16,978	17,017
901-1000	887	756	969	5,464	5,491	47,934	48,957
801-900	2,407	3,282	2,152	12,189	12,149	79,104	80,890
701-800	4,055	3,269	4,091	12,714	14,212	98,481	101,811
501-700	6,907	6,946	8,275	25,349	41,249	254,544	261,598
Total steers 10 markets....	14,399	14,404	15,605	57,094	75,725	497,041	510,273
Av. wt. " " " 1/ ..	704#	707#	695#	726#	700#	715#	715#
Av. cost* " " " 1/ ..	$21.73	$21.52	$21.41	$21.88	$22.66	$23.60	$24.20
" " " Chicago	22.56	21.65**	23.50	22.12	24.26	22.85	24.34
" " " Kansas City...	21.94	21.44	21.18	21.81	23.50	23.83	24.54
" " " Omaha	21.82	21.62	21.96	22.33	23.78	23.73	24.56
" " " S. St. Paul...	19.68	19.89	21.23	21.42	22.78	21.60	23.19
" " " Sioux City 1/.	22.47	22.65	23.38	23.19	24.36	25.18	25.62
" " " Denver	22.28	21.53	23.05	21.47	23.41	24.40	24.82
" " " Ft. Worth	21.12	20.91	20.63	20.74	20.91	22.28	22.37
" " " Oklahoma City.	20.80	21.34	20.11	21.71	20.68	22.71	22.55
" " " S. St. Joseph.	21.51	21.31	21.42	22.12	22.71	23.71	24.09
" " " St. Louis NSY.	21.07	21.35	21.57	21.58	22.75	22.56	23.67
Total calves - 10 markets..	8,243	8,504	14,414	29,847	53,223	227,208	236,567
" heifers " "	3,183	2,782	2,924	9,399	14,355	72,966	79,325
" cows " "	380	469	515	2,105	2,789	16,278	14,919

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market. **Revised.

1/ Correction week July 13, 1961, 10 markets, average weight 710#, average cost $21.24; Sioux City average cost $21.66.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
July 28, 1961	1	24	7	9	8	31	5	6	7	65	64	33	35
July 21, 1961	1	30	7	9	7	25	4	6	6	70	60	35	40
July 29, 1960	2	38	8	10	7	16	3	4	8	65	75	47	60
Slaughter cows													
July 28, 1961	3	12	8	6	10	5	22	12	15	20	12	19	25
July 21, 1961	2	10	7	7	11	5	18	11	15	20	14	18	25
July 29, 1960	5	16	11	8	16	5	25	9	30	25	16	14	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	July 27 1961	July 28 1960	July 27 1961	July 28 1960	July 27 1961	July 28 1960	July 27 1961	July 28 1960
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	2,686	1,766	9.9	6.3	1,264	1,217	22.98	26.64
Choice.....	17,659	18,904	65.0	67.4	1,225	1,183	22.44	25.16
Good.....	5,746	6,452	21.2	23.0	1,108	1,056	22.08	23.88
Standard.....	918	815	3.4	2.9	1,045	991	20.44	21.34
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	141	91	.5	.4	972	986	18.99	19.34
All grades.....	27,150	28,028			1,197	1,150	22.35	24.88
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	154	142	.9	.7	1,177	1,105	22.85	25.44
Choice.....	9,757	9,358	55.8	47.8	1,165	1,153	22.08	24.14
Good.....	6,477	8,588	37.1	43.9	1,086	1,051	21.25	22.82
Standard.....	1,031	1,386	5.9	7.1	1,054	1,014	19.57	19.71
Utility.....	49	105	.3	.5	949	965	18.28	17.57
All grades.....	17,468	19,579			1,128	1,097	21.64	23.27
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	95	33	.8	.3	1,160	1,092	23.20	25.87
Choice.....	8,270	5,298	70.3	46.5	1,188	1,163	22.21	24.28
Good.....	2,663	5,210	22.6	45.8	1,109	1,068	21.19	23.07
Standard.....	584	758	5.0	6.7	1,074	1,027	19.74	19.68
Utility.....	147	83	1.3	.7	1,051	974	18.89	17.56
All grades.....	11,759	11,382			1,162	1,109	21.85	23.42
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	89	--	1.4	--	1,200	--	22.90	--
Choice.....	3,086	2,245	47.1	39.3	1,146	1,130	22.41	24.93
Good.....	2,868	2,791	43.8	48.9	1,033	1,027	21.76	23.31
Standard.....	508	616	7.7	10.8	1,031	929	19.70	19.89
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	4	51	--	1.0	1,075	924	18.02	17.14
All grades.....	6,555	5,703			1,088	1,056	21.95	23.62
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	8	--	.1	--	1,179	--	23.50	--
Choice.....	2,119	672	32.3	12.0	1,080	1,056	22.58	25.13
Good.....	3,839	3,951	58.6	70.8	1,017	1,027	21.64	23.47
Standard.....	468	739	7.2	13.2	994	944	20.16	21.28
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	118	218	1.8	4.0	920	899	18.67	18.28
All grades.....	6,552	5,580			1,034	1,014	21.81	23.23
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,625	2,426	50.0	37.1	1,132	1,134	22.45	24.54
Good.....	3,325	3,784	46.0	58.0	1,107	1,074	21.67	22.94
Standard.....	286	311	4.0	4.8	1,132	1,058	19.41	19.48
Utility.....	--	7	--	.1	--	978	--	17.50
All grades.....	7,236	6,528			1,120	1,096	21.97	23.39
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,116	2,135	80.7	67.8	1,181	1,173	22.59	25.23
Good.....	675	924	17.5	29.3	1,124	1,089	21.34	24.05
Standard.....	69	80	1.8	2.5	1,032	1,040	18.68	19.11
Utility.....	--	12	--	.4	--	1,076	--	15.57
All grades.....	3,860	3,151			1,168	1,145	22.31	24.73

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle July 29 1961	Cattle July 30 1960	Calves July 29 1961	Calves July 30 1960	Hogs July 29 1961	Hogs July 30 1960	Sheep and lambs July 29 1961	Sheep and lambs July 30 1960
Boston, New York City Area	11,199	10,593	11,082	10,694	37,286	38,920	33,012	37,978
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,489	8,522	1,792	2,165	24,454	19,325	3,893	3,456
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	19,765	18,506	3,759	4,149	98,391	110,201	14,424	15,934
Chicago Area	18,265	15,440	5,221	6,370	35,240	30,612	7,016	4,902
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	27,969	31,482	10,456	13,860	81,761	84,075	10,902	10,742
St. Louis Area	12,141	11,825	1,471	1,815	66,704	64,114	5,491	3,763
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	26,644	20,864	--	--	76,952	70,233	10,876	14,549
Omaha Area	35,402	38,169	133	156	69,031	65,393	11,451	13,635
Kansas City	15,706	16,176	--	--	31,037	27,219	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	23,184	34,777	784	6,208	180,377	209,637	15,121	28,608
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	6,827	6,381	2,951	4,493	46,709	51,556	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,432	7,899	3,641	5,531	17,975	20,361	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	18,584	19,978	1,130	1,137	39,103	30,815	8,746	10,951
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	11,217	11,540	4,351	6,371	13,225	11,848	30,426	16,796
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City *	23,263	16,996	124	162	12,178	13;854	38,154	28,051
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	24,724	26,353	1,211	1,473	25,357	19,621	33,027	29,591
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	9,248	8,175	290	337	13,573	12,096	15,258	10,948
Total	302,059	303,676	48,396	64,921	869,353	879,880	237,797	229,904
Accumulation to date	9,185,208*	8,965,183	1,764,549*	1,979,957	31,520,912*	33,746,017	7,880,842*	7,105,497

*Correction: July 22, 1961 - Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Cattle 24,536, Calves 281, Hogs 13,460, Sheep and lambs 41,222.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef Number	Beef Prod.	Veal Number	Veal Prod.	Pork (excl. lard) Number	Pork (excl. lard) Prod.	Lamb and mutton Number	Lamb and mutton Prod.	Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
July 29, 1961	375	224.2	75	10.2	1,030	143.3	260	11.7	389.4	--
July 22, 1961	395	235.0	85	11.7	1,030	146.8	280	12.6	406.1	--
July 8, 1961 1/.....	343	--	66	--	936	--	238	--	--	32.6
July 30, 1960 1/	375	216.5	91	12.4	1,036	143.9	251	11.3	384.1	34.0
Percentage change from:										
July 22, 1961	-5	-5	-12	-13	0	-2	-7	-7	-4	--
July 30, 1960	0	4	-18	-18	- 1	0	4	4	1	--

Week ended	Cattle Live	Cattle Dressed	Calves Live	Calves Dressed	Hogs Live	Hogs Dressed 2/	Sheep and lambs Live	Sheep and lambs Dressed	Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Average weight (lb.)								
July 29, 1961	1040	598	240	136	244	139	95	45	--
July 22, 1961	1035	595	240	136	250	142	95	45	--
July 8, 1961	1045	601	235	132	252	144	95	46	--
July 30, 1960	1005	577	238	136	242	139	96	45	13.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	23.55	26.75	--	--	23.40	25.92	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	22.98	26.88	--	--	23.15	25.92	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	23.20	25.22	23.12	25.15	22.58	24.65	22.88	25.25	23.62	26.88
	1100-1300	22.25	25.00	22.72	25.12	22.28	24.52	22.28	24.88	--	--
Good	900-1100	21.95	23.00	21.62	22.78	21.12	22.58	20.65	22.20	22.25	25.25
Standard - All wts.		20.25	21.12	19.25	19.75	19.70	19.62	18.32	18.55	20.00	22.25
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	22.32	24.25	22.75	24.50	22.45	24.70	23.08	25.38	--	24.75
Good	600-800	--	--	21.12	22.05	20.95	22.30	--	22.28	20.75	23.50
Standard - All wts.		18.62	20.00	19.25	19.05	18.88	19.18	17.75	18.50	18.25	21.00
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		14.82	15.88	16.00	15.70	16.12	15.50	--	--	15.00	16.25
Utility		14.92	15.45	15.12	14.65	15.38	14.65	15.38	15.06	14.25	15.00
Cutter		14.55	14.98	14.62	13.80	14.62	13.90	14.62	13.68	12.62	13.00
Canner		13.20	13.25	13.25	12.80	14.00	13.08	13.62	12.52	11.31	11.50
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		18.95	18.88	18.25	18.50	18.92	18.50	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.45	19.68	18.50	18.00	18.90	18.25	19.62	20.00	18.50	20.75
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	21.25	21.40	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	19.00	19.40	--	--	--	--	--	22.25
Standard		--	--	17.00	16.70	--	--	--	--	--	19.25
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		--	26.50	24.00	23.00	25.00	23.80	--	--	25.00	24.50
Good		--	24.50	21.00	21.00	23.25	21.55	--	--	23.00	22.62
Standard		--	20.50	18.00	18.50	20.25	19.10	--	--	20.00	20.50
Stocker and feeder cattle and calves											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	25.50	26.15	25.25	25.40	25.00	25.50	25.50	27.00	--	23.44
Good	500-800	23.00	23.45	23.25	22.55	23.12	23.25	22.75	24.45	--	20.50
Medium	500-1000	20.50	20.20	21.38	19.00	20.40	19.62	19.75	20.70	--	19.25
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	23.50	22.75	23.00	23.75	23.75	24.20	--	22.25
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.75	19.50	19.70	19.75	20.50	21.35	--	18.75
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	--	14.75	15.45	15.25	--	--	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	26.88	26.50	27.50	27.00	29.25	--	--	24.19
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	24.25	23.00	24.75	24.25	27.50	--	--	22.19

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	18.34	18.31	--	--	18.56	18.20	17.72	17.92	18.51	18.49	18.45	17.98	18.48	--	18.32	18.22
200-220	18.68	18.66	17.82	17.84	18.68	18.25	18.96	18.72	18.80	18.52	18.85	18.47	18.80	18.45	18.45	18.38
220-240	18.55	18.50	17.80	17.70	18.70	18.26	18.94	18.72	18.80	18.40	18.84	18.50	18.80	18.44	18.42	18.20
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	18.42	18.18	17.52	17.54	18.44	17.98	18.52	18.00	18.46	18.12	18.40	17.90	18.50	18.06	18.25	17.98
220-240	18.25	18.12	17.52	17.42	18.44	17.98	18.52	18.00	18.46	18.08	18.45	18.02	18.50	18.06	18.22	17.85
240-270	17.98	17.88	17.21	17.20	18.18	17.82	18.05	17.68	18.26	17.65	18.28	17.88	18.35	17.90	18.00	17.48
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3:																
180-200	18.10	18.08	16.85	17.14	18.45	18.02	17.68	17.65	18.40	18.18	18.25	17.65	18.28	17.98	18.25	18.00
200-220	18.44	18.44	17.62	17.68	18.53	18.05	18.75	18.40	18.69	18.29	18.55	18.08	18.68	18.26	18.42	18.15
220-240	18.35	18.32	17.61	17.53	18.53	18.05	18.75	18.40	18.68	18.24	18.62	18.14	18.68	18.24	18.38	18.05
240-270	18.08	17.88	17.30	17.28	18.26	17.86	18.32	17.85	18.33	17.90	18.38	17.92	18.58	18.18	18.15	17.70
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	15.30	15.76	16.25	16.20	16.65	16.38	16.52	16.20	15.90	16.22	16.00	16.05	15.30	16.18
330-400	15.48	15.82	14.40	15.14	15.68	15.85	15.50	15.50	15.40	15.45	15.25	15.62	15.38	15.55	14.60	15.46
400-550	13.88	14.25	13.12	13.87	14.38	14.58	14.60	14.35	14.35	14.62	14.25	14.32	14.50	14.55	13.62	14.32

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	18.68	18.28	18.45	18.28	--	--	18.58	18.11	18.75	--	18.72	18.75	19.56	19.25	20.12	20.50
200-220	18.82	18.55	18.88	18.49	18.87	18.37	18.83	18.44	18.56	--	18.72	18.75	19.56	19.25	20.16	20.50
220-240	18.88	18.55	18.96	18.44	18.87	18.37	18.72	18.13	18.72	--	18.72	18.75	--	--	20.12	20.19
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	18.52	18.15	18.62	18.29	18.58	18.11	18.70	18.36	18.34	17.56	18.12	18.12	--	--	19.50	19.81
220-240	18.50	18.12	18.62	18.28	18.58	18.07	18.63	18.11	18.62	17.50	18.12	18.12	--	--	19.50	19.69
240-270	18.02	17.70	18.43	18.06	18.20	17.81	--	17.61	18.28	17.06	17.50	17.50	--	--	18.75	18.81
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	18.35	18.00	18.41	18.26	--	--	18.46	17.98	18.62	--	18.25	18.25	19.42	19.08	--	--
200-220	18.52	18.15	18.66	18.38	18.64	18.28	18.71	18.36	18.66	17.62	18.25	18.25	19.41	19.16	--	--
220-240	18.50	18.15	18.71	18.38	18.66	18.28	18.66	18.11	18.67	17.56	18.25	18.25	19.16	18.94	--	--
240-270	18.02	17.82	18.54	18.20	18.25	17.84	--	17.61	18.58	17.16	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3:																
270-330	16.00	16.78	16.26	16.68	16.12	16.55	15.78	15.55	15.17	14.25	14.80	14.75	--	15.62	16.03	16.50
330-400	14.90	15.68	15.30	15.85	15.18	15.60	14.75	15.10	15.08	14.12	14.42	14.25	--	14.75	15.25	16.00
400-550	13.95	14.45	14.24	14.52	14.00	14.40	13.92	14.55	14.75	13.44	14.05	13.50	--	13.50	13.75	14.88
Feeder pigs - All wts Good and Choice	17.15	16.75	16.40	16.82	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian-apolis	Eight mkts. com-bined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	July 29, 1961	17.95	18.32	18.37	18.44	18.58	18.30	18.23	18.51	18.34
	July 22, 1961	17.67	17.88	17.62	17.66	17.61	17.52	17.17	18.09	17.67
	July 30, 1960	18.03	17.94	18.08	18.11	18.00	17.98	17.95	18.11	18.01
Sows	July 29, 1961	14.64	14.86	14.73	15.13	15.00	14.85	14.64	14.45	14.83
	July 22, 1961	14.11	14.32	14.26	14.42	14.44	14.35	14.28	14.02	14.30
	July 30, 1960	14.90	14.98	14.92	15.18	15.34	15.40	15.26	14.76	15.13
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	July 29, 1961	229	210	226	227	225	224	222	220	222
	July 22, 1961	231	212	226	230	231	226	233	222	225
	July 30, 1960	233	215	230	234	236	226	231	223	226
Sows	July 29, 1961	399	403	406	386	375	384	367	431	387
	July 22, 1961	412	409	413	395	382	390	372	438	394
	July 30, 1960	399	397	404	382	380	367	372	425	387
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	July 29, 1961	15558	35461	14324	23463	17501	16005	22602	19392	164306
	July 22, 1961	16278	36115	14056	22712	18785	15848	20562	19991	164347
	July 30, 1960	16842	50190	13669	22510	16870	18697	23792	29155	191725
Sows	July 29, 1961	5068	3458	1429	9339	6374	3120	8829	3054	40671
	July 22, 1961	5906	4018	1362	9065	7781	3059	10632	3297	45120
	July 30, 1960	5141	4346	1011	6366	6423	2441	9461	3755	38944
SOWS -				Percentage of total						
	July 29, 1961	25	9	9	28	27	16	28	14	20
	July 22, 1961	27	10	9	29	29	16	34	14	22
	July 30, 1960	23	8	7	22	28	12	28	11	17

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
July 29, 1961	$19.95	$18.44	$1.51
July 22, 1961	19.33	18.12	1.21
July 30, 1960	19.98	18.44	1.54

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
July 29, 1961	17.95	112.8	15.9
July 22, 1961	17.67	114.0	15.5
July 30, 1960	18.03	118.4	15.2

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Sales of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market increased to approximately 14 cars with demand principally for fine wools. Prices were generally strong with advances of 2-4¢ on fine wools. Activity in woolen wools and noils was very dull at about steady rates.

Trading in the territory States was slow and very little wool remained unsold. Mill buyers and topmakers continued to buy wool in Texas at strong prices while only occasional lots were sold by country buyers in the fleece wool States.

Regular auctions in the Dominion markets were closed for the season. The first crutching sale for the season in New Zealand was held at Wanganui, July 27. Crutchings at Wellington also were auctioned at this sale. There were very limited offerings from South Africa. The South American markets continued quiet with limited offerings of small quantities of super skirted wools out of Montevideo and some carpet wools were offered from Buenos Aires.

Fleece Wools - Graded fine staple delaine wool sold at $1.25 clean basis while graded 64s good French combing and staple wool brought $1.20 and 56/58s baby combing fleece wool moved in a range of .97-$1.01 and graded 50/54s good French combing and staple brought from $1.00-1.02 clean basis.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold in a range from $1.20-1.25 while average French combing 64s brought from $1.12-1.14 and good French combing and staple 60/62s moved at $1.12 clean basis. Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing wool sold at $1.03 clean.

RANGE SALES: Montana - A light shrinking clip amounting to about 70,000 pounds of fine, half and three-eighths wool sold in Dillon at 43.0¢ grease basis. Very little wool remained unsold in Montana.

Texas Wools - Occasional sales of best 12 months wool sold in Texas in a range of $1.20-1.25 while 8 months wool brought $1.10-1.12 clean basis delivered East.

Mohair - Spring adult mohair sold at 86-1/2¢ to the warehouse while contracting of the fall clip continued at 81-1/2¢ for adult and $1.11-1/2 for kid to the warehouse. A little mohair top, bulk 24s grade for worsted consumption, was moved in the Boston market at steady prices.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools continued about at a standstill. Spot greasy Buenos Aires November second clip combing wools sold around 76-1/2¢ while fleeces sold for shipment from 76-78¢ clean fibers present. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields, in bond.

South Africa oil-combed: Offers for Oct.-Nov. shipment: 47 - $1.09, 48 - $1.07, 52 - $1.05, 53 - $1.04.

New Zealand Oil-combed		Montevideo Super skirted	
Wellington/Wanganui		64s	-$1.02
crutchings sale		60/64s	- .99
702	- $.71	60s	- .94
702/3	- .69	60/58s	- .92
703	- .66	58/56s	- .90
Carpet fleece		56/50s	- .88
wool	- 78¢	50s	- .87

Carpet Wools - Spot carpet wools were slow to move. A black continental greasy pulled wool sold around 34¢ in the grease. Quotations from all foreign wool centers were held unchanged compared to last week.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Shorn Domestic

Calif. 58s lambs good color and length	$.80
Territory 58s lambs Ch. wh.	.95
Territory 56/58s lambs off-color	.80

Scoured Pulled Domestic

56/58s 2-3" choice white $1.10-1.13

Noils

B. A. 64s Schlumbergers $.60-.63

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops was limited to occasional small fill-in orders for fine and one-quarter blood grades. Quotes follow:

	Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s	$1.97 N	$1.86
64s	1.92 N	1.77
62s	1.89 N	1.65
60s	1.84 N	1.58
58/60s	1.80 N	1.54

	Oil-combed	Territory	Fleece
58/60s	$1.78N	$1.52	--
56s	--	1.42	$1.39
50/56s	--	1.39	1.36
48/50s	--	--	--

(N - nominal)

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - July 27, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

October wool tops - $1.621
December " tops - 1.616
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
October wool - $1.221
December wool - 1.234
64s grade - 2-1/2" ave. stretched length

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef sold mostly steady but there was a 50¢ advance in Washington, and weakness permeated the New York market. Cow beef was steady to 50¢ higher; veal steady to $3.00 lower, mainly $1.00-2.00 off; calf $2.00-3.00 lower; spring lamb steady to $2.50 lower, most sales $1.00 or more down. Pork loins were steady to $2.00 higher, except Baltimore $1.00-2.00 lower; spareribs steady to $2.00 lower; other pork cuts mostly steady, with fresh skinned hams $1.00 higher in New York.

Kosher steer forequarters were steady; spring lamb $2.00-3.00 lower; veal and calf $2.00-3.00 off.

Trading was generally slow on all fresh meats, however, the outlet for beef was better than the other classes. For the most part. clearance was incomplete, while hindquarters constituted most of the carryover. Some veal and calf were unsold at New York and Philadelphia. The spring lamb trade was very slow, and there was a moderate carryover at New York, Washington and Philadelphia. Supplies of railstocks were normal and mostly in excess of prevailing demand. Pork receipts were moderate to normal. Demand was mostly fair for pork cuts which cleared well at all markets except Baltimore.

CHICAGO - Beef sold steady to 50¢ higher, veal $1.50-2.00 lower, spring lamb $1.00 lower, pork loins 8-16# 50¢-1.00 lower, other pork cuts unchanged.

Steer and heifer beef and spring lamb supplies were normal with Choice comprising the largest percentage of beef. Lamb weighing 55-65# continued scarce. Moderate veal and fresh pork offerings were on hand.

At the best time carcass beef trading was only moderately active but advanced replacements and fairly good movement of the various primal cuts pushed selling prices slightly higher. Arm and square cut beef chucks as well as rounds moved well and prices showed a degree of improvement. Ribs were in moderate demand, loins slow at mostly steady rates. Veal followed a lower trend in a slow trade with boning type carcasses hardest to sell. Spring lamb opened at a moderately active pace but slowed after midweek. Most buyers preferred primal lamb cuts and all moved fairly well except legs. For the most part fresh pork trade was only moderately active, but demand increased for Boston butts somewhat after Wednesday.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef sold steady; cow beef steady in the Northwest, but weak to 50¢ lower in California. Calf, veal and spring lamb sold steady with the exception of a $1.00 decline on spring lamb in the Northwest. Fresh pork was generally steady to $2.50 higher, with loins mostly $2.00 lower in San Francisco. Cured pork sold strong to $3.00 higher throughout the area.

The supply of Choice steer 700-800# was short of the demand, but other weights and grades were adequate for the fairly good demand. Trading was moderately active. The lamb supply was adequate to excessive and demand only fair. Pork cuts were adequate in California but below normal in the Northwest.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Steer beef prices were 25¢-1.00 higher; heifer beef steady to 50¢ higher; most advance on Good grade; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher; spring lamb 50-75¢ lower; pork loins $2.00-2.50 higher, pork butts $1.00 higher; fresh hams $1.50-1.75 higher; pork carcasses 35-65¢ higher. Supplies of beef were slightly below normal, lamb normal and pork below normal.

Closing prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Steer beef: Choice 600-700# $35.50-36.50, few loads $37.00; Choice 700-800# $34.50-36.00, mostly $35.00-35.50; Good 600-700# $33.50-34.50 some high-Good $34.75-35.00; Good 700-800# $32.75-34.50.

Heifer beef: Choice 500-700# $35.00-36.00; Good 500-700# $33.00-34.50.

Cow beef: Canner, Cutter and Utility $28.00-30.50, mostly $28.50-30.00.

Spring lamb: Choice including Prime 35-55# $34.50-36.50.

Pork: Loins 8-12# $45.50-47.00; butts $31.00-32.50, mostly $31.00-31.75; fresh hams 12-16# $39.75-40.50; U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# carcasses $24.60-26.95, mostly $25.60-26.65, 155-175# $24.40-26.45, mostly $25.30-26.25.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers - Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph and St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef at Chicago and Denver sold steady to 50¢ higher, at New York 50¢-1.50 higher, and at Philadelphia 50¢-1.00 higher. Heifer beef was steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago and Denver, and strong to 75¢ up at Philadelphia. Cow beef was steady to 50¢ lower at Chicago and Philadelphia, but steady to 50¢ higher at Denver. Spring lamb sold steady to $1.00 lower. Pork loins declined $1.00-1.50 at Chicago and were steady to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960	July 29 1961	July 30 1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	40.25	44.10	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	39.00	43.05	37.50	42.75	40.00	43.85	39.00	42.47
	700-800	38.00	42.00	36.25	41.00	38.25	42.00	37.25	41.06
Good	500-600	37.25	41.30	36.00	40.75	39.50	42.00	38.25	40.00
	600-700	36.75	41.15	36.00	40.75	38.00	41.00	37.25	39.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	37.38	42.00	38.50	42.50	38.92	42.00
	600-700	--	--	37.38	42.00	--	--	38.00	41.06
Good	500-600	--	--	35.62	39.50	--	--	--	39.75
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	56.00	54.40	54.00	51.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	47.50	49.40	48.00	46.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	43.50	44.40	45.00	44.25	51.00	51.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	39.55	44.50	40.00	43.38	38.50	41.00	39.50	41.19
Choice	45-55	39.65	43.55	40.00	43.38	38.50	40.88	39.50	41.19
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	50.00	48.60	47.50	46.75	54.00	53.50	51.83	49.75
Butts	4-8	38.50	39.50	34.50	37.56	41.00	46.00	37.50	40.88
Spareribs	3# down	50.50	48.50	47.00	43.50	52.50	53.00	48.67	47.25
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.50	46.00	45.25	49.00	47.00	50.00	46.00	48.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		53.50	49.00	55.75	54.50	59.00	54.00	56.50	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	34.00	32.00	34.75	35.00	33.50	32.00	33.00	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.25	15.25	14.25	14.50	17.75	17.00	16.92	16.50

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JULY 28, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	36.00-36.50	35.00-36.50	35.50-36.00	38.00-38.50	38.00-38.50
	700-800	35.50-36.00	34.50-35.50	34.75-35.25	37.50-38.00	37.50-38.00
	800-900	34.00-34.50	33.00-33.50	33.00-33.50	35.50-36.00	35.50-36.50
Good	500-600	34.50-35.00	--	--	36.50-37.00	--
	600-700	34.50-35.00	32.00-34.50	33.75-34.75	36.50-37.00	36.00-37.50
	700-800	34.00-34.50	32.00-34.50	33.50-34.25	35.50-37.00	36.00-37.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	35.75-36.00	36.00-38.00	35.00-35.25	--	--
	600-700	35.75-36.00	34.75-35.50	35.00-35.25	--	37.50-38.00
Good	500-600	34.00-34.50	33.25-35.50	33.00-33.25	--	--
	600-700	34.00-34.50	33.25	33.00-33.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.00-29.00	28.00-28.50	27.50-28.00	--	29.50-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.50-29.50	--	28.00-28.50	--	29.50-30.00
Spring lamb -						
Prime	30-45#	36.00-37.00	--	--	37.00-39.00	37.50-38.00
	45-55	36.00-37.00	--	--	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.00
	55-65	36.00-37.00	--	--	37.00-38.00	35.50-36.50
Choice	30-45	36.00-37.00	34.00-35.00	35.25	37.00-39.00	37.50-38.00
	45-55	36.00-37.00	34.00-35.00	35.25	37.00-39.00	37.00-38.00
	55-65	36.00-37.00	--	--	37.00-38.00	35.50-36.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	44.50-45.50	--	44.50-45.50	--	45.50-46.00

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			July 15 1961	June 15 1961	May 15 1961	July 15 1960	Average Jan. 1947-Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.50	15.70	16.00	16.60	21.90
All beef cattle	" "	"	19.10	19.40	19.80	20.30	20.20
Cows	" "	"	14.20	15.00	15.00	14.70	--
Steers and heifers	" "	"	21.00	21.10	21.60	22.70	--
Calves	" "	"	22.90	23.10	23.60	22.90	22.60
Sheep	" "	"	4.89	4.88	5.44	5.62	9.15
Lambs	" "	"	16.00	15.90	15.60	18.30	21.90
Wool 2/3/	Per lb.	"	.413	.423	.425	.424	.460
Corn	Per bu.	"	1.05	1.03	1.02	1.09	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.642	.626	.598	.629	.852
Barley	" "	"	.924	.868	.875	.846	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	19.30	19.10	19.80	19.20	22.40
Cottonseed	" "	"	49.00	--	--	38.00	71.60
							July av. 1950-59
Hog-corn price ratio 4/ -							
United States		Bushel	15.7	15.2	15.7	15.2	13.7
N. Central States		"	16.0	15.4	15.9	15.6	13.9
Iowa		"	15.9	15.5	15.9	15.8	--
							1947-49
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							
All farm products			237	234	236	236	271
Feed grains and hay			156	152	151	156	230
Meat animals			288	286	292	300	334
Prices paid by farmers -							
Commodities & services, interest taxes and wage rates			300	300	302	298	250

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.
2/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. 3/ Monthly average.
4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices 2/	Effective parity prices 3/ based on data for July 1961	June 1961	July 1960
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.....	7.08	21.20	21.20	21.30
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.87	23.60	23.60	23.60
Calves	" "	"	8.70	26.10	26.10	26.10
Lambs	" "	"	8.38	25.10	25.10	25.50
Wool	Per lb.	"	4/ .249	.747	.747	.739
Corn	" bu.	"	.538	1.61	1.61	1.62
Oats	" "	"	.279	.837	.837	.837
Barley	" "	"	.415	1.24	1.24	1.26
Cottonseed	" ton	"	4/ 20.80	62.40	62.40	66.80

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.

2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1951-December 1960 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

3/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.

4/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

JUNE 1961

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	6,614	--
Australia	21,997,021	7,024,778	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	37,625	--
Canada	1,683,966	3,053	2,957,214	1,491	524,151
Denmark	--	--	--	1,250	--
Germany	--	--	--	--	3,743
Holland	--	--	--	--	7,047
Ireland	2,926,435	--	--	--	8,884
Mexico	2,624,560	--	9,000	--	--
New Zealand	22,131,733	2,656,462	4,126	500	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	3,299,543	554	--	18,125	11,264
Total - June 1961	54,663,258	9,684,847	2,970,340	65,605	555,089
June 1960	35,945,418	3,795,780	4,159,627	75,193	700,436
Refused or condemned:					
June 1961	91,726	11,320	150	30,334	--
June 1960	50,169	--	23,776	36	16

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscellaneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscellaneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	7,620,832	20,700	9,075	709,406	--	167,391	8,534,018
Australia	2,700	--	--	--	--	10,647	29,035,146
Brazil	1,182,939	--	--	75,100	--	--	1,295,664
Canada	20,250	247,673	16,604	--	5,014	295,426	5,754,842
Denmark	--	3,433,653	747,835	--	255,070	--	4,437,808
Germany	--	28,780	1,126	--	13,275	--	46,924
Holland	201,512	3,937,721	48,828	--	22,380	--	4,217,488
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,935,319
Mexico	623	--	--	--	--	--	2,634,183
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	24,792,821
Paraguay	1,167,859	--	--	--	--	--	1,167,859
Poland	35,996	3,637,748	396,412	--	--	--	4,070,156
Uruguay	1,249,461	--	--	--	--	16,800	1,266,261
All others	116,949	98,217	52,500	--	61,928	5,879	3,664,959
Total - June 1961	11,599,121	11,404,492	1,272,380	784,506	357,667	496,143	93,853,448
June 1960	4,470,761	11,218,075	747,391	402,600	322,288	224,525	62,062,094
Refused or condemned:							
June 1961	55,991	157,780	23,125	--	2,205	14	372,645
June 1960	8,425	27,417	42,854	--	1,500	6	154,199

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for June 1961 were as follows: Canada 8,516, Mexico 33,000. June 1960 - Mexico 208,103.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	June 1961	May 1961	Jan.-June 1961	June 1960	June 1961	May 1961	Jan.-June 1961	June 1960
Cattle:								
Steers	1,057	1,042	5,512	941	59.2	59.4	56.6	55.6
Heifers	380	389	2,204	345	21.3	22.2	22.6	20.4
Cows	325	296	1,887	376	18.2	16.9	19.4	22.2
Bulls and Stags	23	26	132	30	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8
Total 2/	1,785	1,753	9,735	1,692	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/	157	151	930	193	8.8	8.6	9.6	11.4
Hogs:								
Sows	682	487	2,412	590	13.4	8.7	7.4	11.6
Barrows and Gilts	4,380	5,087	30,096	4,466	86.0	90.9	92.1	87.8
Stags and Boars	31	22	163	31	.6	.4	.5	.6
Total 2/	5,093	5,596	32,671	5,087	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,168	1,281	7,288	1,044	93.3	94.3	96.1	91.8
Sheep	84	77	298	93	6.7	5.7	3.9	8.2
Total 2/	1,252	1,358	7,586	1,137	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.

3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection	Barrows and gilts reported separately			
		Firms reporting	Head	Barrows	Gilts
	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Percent
1961					
Jan.	5,744,000	28	1,234,000	53.20	46.80
Feb.	5,078,000	28	1,419,000	52.39	47.61
Mar.	6,110,000	28	1,154,000	52.90	47.10
Apr.	5,049,000	27	1,085,000	51.78	48.22
May	5,597,000	23	1,041,000	50.08	49.92
June	5,093,000	25	866,000	49.56	50.44

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and Stags		Canners and Cutters, all classes	
	June 1961	June 1960	June 1961	June 1960	June 1961	June 1960	June 1961	June 1960	June 1961	June 1960
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	78.0	75.2	1.1	1.4	19.3	21.2	1.6	2.2	7.8	9.4
S. Atlantic States	57.0	48.5	6.7	8.4	33.7	39.5	2.6	3.6	18.2	23.1
N. C. States-Eastern	54.9	62.8	17.2	12.1	25.2	22.6	2.7	2.5	9.4	12.3
N. C. States-N. Western	59.8	59.2	25.4	23.3	13.7	16.1	1.1	1.4	3.9	7.1
N. C. States-S. Western	65.6	58.0	20.0	20.5	13.7	20.7	.7	.8	6.9	11.0
S. Central States	35.9	21.9	13.2	10.6	49.0	64.0	1.9	3.5	29.2	30.0
Mountain States	52.7	31.3	37.9	57.6	8.9	9.2	.5	.9	3.2	3.0
Pacific States	66.4	66.7	13.8	13.5	17.8	17.9	2.0	1.9	5.9	7.8

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	June		January - June		Percentage June 1961 of	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	June 1960	5-yr. June av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,785	1,692	9,735	9,287	106	113
Calves	364	397	2,391	2,453	92	78
Hogs	5,093	5,086	32,670	34,614	100	113
Sheep & lambs	1,252	1,137	7,585	6,701	110	117
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,041.5	1,021.4	1,049.9	1,042.8	102	104
Calves	234.0	236.7	212.7	207.9	99	100
Hogs	251.6	245.9	241.5	237.4	102	101
Sheep & lambs	94.3	94.6	101.2	101.2	100	102
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	20.54	22.52	21.67	22.95	91	96
Calves	23.80	23.03	24.02	24.33	103	112
Hogs	16.07	16.43	16.95	14.79	98	92
Sheep & lambs	15.25	18.51	16.05	19.57	82	77
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	58.5	57.6	58.0	57.6	--	--
Calves	56.4	55.4	56.2	56.9	--	--
Hogs 1/	76.7	76.7	76.7	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs	48.9	48.8	49.1	48.7	--	--
Lard per 100#	14.4	14.1	13.7	13.6	--	--
Lard per animal	36.2	34.6	33.0	32.4	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	609.3	588.3	608.7	600.5	--	--
Steers 2/	674.1	656.0	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/	548.2	533.9	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/	500.1	493.3	--	--	--	--
Calves	132.0	131.1	119.5	118.3	--	--
Hogs	193.0	188.6	185.2	181.8	--	--
Sheep & lambs	46.1	46.2	49.7	49.3	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	4,583	4,411	28,399	27,712	--	--
Calves	753	858	9,571	11,023	--	--
Hogs	8,943	10,289	61,884	59,734	--	--
Sheep & lambs	7,362	9,791	36,588	35,081	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	1,084,944	992,752	5,908,302	5,560,208	109	121
Veal	47,915	51,921	284,683	288,909	92	79
Pork (carcass wt.)	981,182	957,325	6,038,886	6,283,600	102	114
Lamb & mutton	57,359	52,067	374,826	328,672	110	119
Total 4/	2,171,400	2,054,065	12,606,697	12,461,388	106	117
Pork, excl. lard	729,085	716,454	4,564,085	4,753,174	102	115
Lard production 5/	184,098	175,670	1,077,432	1,118,069	105	113
Rendered pork fat	7,674	7,355	42,700	43,513	104	100

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.
3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, June 1961

Week ended	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and lambs			Total meat prod.	Lard	
	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.	Number	Av. dr. wt. 1/	Prod. 1/	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.		Yield per 100#	Prod.
	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
June 10	423	606	256.5	87	131	11.4	1272	142	180.4	301	46	13.7	462.0	14.1	44.8
17	413	607	250.5	84	130	10.9	1167	143	166.7	293	46	13.4	441.5	14.2	41.5
24	392	609	238.9	75	133	10.0	1067	145	154.6	271	46	12.4	415.9	14.4	39.1
July 1	396	609	241.3	82	133	10.9	1082	144	155.6	257	46	11.8	419.6	14.1	38.5

1/ Excludes lard.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, JUNE 1961 1/

Month and period	Cattle: Federally inspected	Cattle: Other commercial	Cattle: Total	Cattle: Av. live weight	Calves: Federally inspected	Calves: Other commercial	Calves: Total	Calves: Av. live weight
	Thousand head			Pounds	Thousand head			Pounds
June 1961	1,785.2	477.0	2,262.2	1,016	363.7	201.3	565.0	249
June 1960	1,691.9	510.0	2,201.9	994	396.9	228.6	625.5	247
Jan.-June 1961 2/..	9,735.3	2,799.3	12,534.6	1,022	2,390.9	1,332.5	3,723.4	224
Jan.-June 1960 2/..	9,287.2	2,841.6	12,128.8	1,014	2,453.1	1,361.7	3,814.8	219
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
June 1961	5,092.8	913.6	6,006.4	248	1,251.6	188.2	1,439.8	95
June 1960	5,086.2	1,018.6	6,104.8	242	1,136.8	174.7	1,311.5	95
Jan.-June 1961 2/..	32,670.4	5,809.7	38,480.1	239	7,585.4	993.4	8,578.8	101
Jan.-June 1960 2/..	34,613.9	6,752.9	41,366.8	235	6,701.1	866.5	7,567.6	101

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, JUNE 1961 1/

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
June 1961	1,330	79	853	66	2,328	205
June 1960	1,247	85	852	60	2,244	199
Jan.-June 1961..	7,347	467	5,343	422	13,579	1,212
Jan.-June 1960..	7,001	472	5,646	369	13,488	1,270

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.
3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

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MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef: June 1961	Beef: June 1960	Veal and calf: June 1961	Veal and calf: June 1960	Lamb and mutton: June 1961	Lamb and mutton: June 1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	20,854	12,394	130	147	4,282	4,963
Choice	484,957	410,279	2,857	3,619	21,470	16,296
Good	136,793	157,021	10,786	9,965	2,079	855
Standard	19,488	18,912	1,334	1,853	--	--
Commercial	3,084	4,290	--	--	--	--
Utility	6,719	4,503	120	184	758	10
Cutter	4,759	907	--	--	--	--
Canner	114	124	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	--	16	11	2
Total	676,768	608,431	15,228	15,785	28,600	22,126
Bull and stag beef ..	762	1,160				
All other meats and lard.....	12,111	12,662				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION, 1961

WOOL CLIP DOWN 1 PERCENT - Wool shorn and to be shorn in 1961 is estimated at 263,591,000 pounds (grease basis), according to the Crop Reporting Board. Wool production at this level is 1 percent below the 266,563,000 pounds for 1960 but 11 percent higher than the 1950-59 average. This year's shorn wool production is equivalent to 118,616,000 pounds clean basis, compared with 119,953,000 pounds clean basis for 1960.

The total number of sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1961, estimated at 30,956,000 head, is 1 percent below last year but 10 percent above the 10-year average. The average weight per fleece, 8.52 pounds, compares with 8.55 pounds last year and the 1950-59 average of 8.40 pounds.

WESTERN STATES UNCHANGED - In the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas) shorn wool production is estimated at 192,214,000 pounds (grease basis) - approximately the same as the 1960 clip but 14 percent above the 10-year average. Wool production was smaller in 7 of these States and larger in 6.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1961 at 21,465,000 head are 1 percent up from 1960 and 12 percent higher than the average. The average fleece weight for these States, 8.95 pounds this year, is below last year's 9.01 pounds.

Texas, the leading sheep State, expects a wool crop of 54,349,000 pounds-- up 5 percent from 1960 and 19 percent above average. All of this increase is due to more sheep shorn, since the average weight per fleece is unchanged. Shorn wool production in Wyoming, the second leading State, is down 2 percent from 1960.

NATIVE STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT - A wool clip of 71,377,000 pounds is expected this year in the 35 native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States). This is down 5 percent from last year, but is 5 percent above average. The smaller production for 1961 is the result of both a decline in weight per fleece -- 7.52 pounds this year and 7.57 pounds last -- and a decline in sheep shorn, 4 percent fewer than last year.

Of the native sheep States, 23 show a decline in wool production compared with 1960, 3 States are unchanged and 9 States expect a larger wool clip this year.

WOOL SHORN 1960 AND 1961, BY DIVISIONS

Division	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	10-yr. av. 1950-59	1960	1961	10-yr. av. 1950-59	1960	1961	10-yr. av. 1950-59	1960	1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	pounds	pounds	pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
N. A.	433	448	426	7.42	7.33	7.26	3,213	3,282	3,094
E. N. C...	2,597	2,743	2,555	8.08	7.92	7.84	20,966	21,736	20,030
W. N. C...	5,127	6,410	6,381	8.18	8.28	8.30	41,967	53,054	52,950
S. A.	686	675	642	5.62	5.72	5.81	3,861	3,861	3,731
S. C.	7,023	7,571	7,682	7.66	7.92	7.99	53,725	59,993	61,362
West.	12,385	13,313	13,270	9.17	9.36	9.23	113,531	124,637	122,424
U. S.	28,251	31,160	30,956	8.40	8.55	8.52	237,262	266,563	263,591

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	July 29, 1961	18.25	17.62	17.32	--	18.27	17.05	15.44
	July 30, 1960	21.00	19.48	19.50	--	20.15	--	16.84
Choice	July 29, 1961	17.50	16.88	16.32	15.00	16.70	16.55	14.94
	July 30, 1960	20.00	18.70	18.25	18.25	19.12	17.75	16.84
Good	July 29, 1961	16.25	15.25	14.75	14.50	14.75	15.25	13.50
	July 30, 1960	18.60	17.62	17.00	17.50	17.68	16.75	15.75
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	July 29, 1961	4.10	3.25	2.50	--	4.62	3.50	2.62
	July 30, 1960	4.50	4.85	3.75	--	4.75	4.00	3.00
Cull and Utility	July 29, 1961	3.65	3.38	2.25	3.90	3.50	2.75	1.75
	July 30, 1960	4.25	3.85	2.72	4.92	3.50	2.75	2.00
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	July 29, 1961	--	14.00	--	9.25	13.25	13.12	10.50
	July 30, 1960	--	17.50	--	11.50	16.90	16.00	14.00